PREPARING TO RETURN HOME. Little Probability of Favorable Reply to Colombia's Note.

Washington, Dec. 28.-(Special)-Although Secretary Hay has not yet repiled to the note of Reyes, preparations are going on rapidly for the close ing of the Colombian legation here, and the departure of Colombia's representatives. A favorable reply is not anticipated, and diplomatic relations will be broken as soon as the answer is received. Days H. street will be

Hay Not Improved.

Washington, Dec. 28 .- (Special)-The condition of Secretary Hay has not improved. He is suffering from bronchil trouble. The secretary will Seave early in January for the south to try the effects of the milder climate Assistant Secretary Loomis will officiate during his absence.

MR. BRYAN MEETS TOLSTOI. Count Pleased With Assurance That Bryan is Not Socialist.

The Hague, Dec. 28.—(Special)-William J. Bryan arrived here today from Berlin and visited the foreign minister. Bryan said he found Tolstol looking well though aged. Tolstoi's first question was:

"Are you a socialist?" When assured to the contrary the count said:

"I am very glad to hear it. I am not a socialist myself."

Dixie Sails For Cuba

Philadelphia, Dec. 28.—(Special)-The auxiliary cruiser Dixie, sailed from League Island navy yard today for Colon, carrying 600 marines and five months living rations for 1000 men. Six companies of marines divided into two battallons, sailed on the Dixie.

Scientific Association Meets.

St. Louis, Dec. 28 .- (Special)-The 53d annual meeting of the American Association for the advancement of Science began here today. Between 700 and 1000 members are present, comprising some of the most notable men in the country. The convention will remain in session during the entire week

Murderer is Captured

Portland, Dec. 28.-(Special)-David G. Van Houghten, who shot Al. Young yesterday because he had stolen Van Houghten's wife, was captured in a barn at Montavilla this morn-

Drowned While Rowing

Whatcom, Dec. 28 .- (Special)-Ernest Frost was drowned in Weiser lake by the capsizing of a boat in which he and two women companions were rowing. The women were saved by a rescuing party.

Killed By Indignant Husband.

St. Joseph, Dec. 28,-(Special)-H. G. Edmunson, a real estate dealer, was found in a room in a hotel here today with Mrs. M. W. Grote, and was fatally shot by the woman's hus-

Mrs. Alexander Sullivan Dead. Chleago, Dec. 28.-(Special)-Mrs. Alexander Sullivan, well known on both sides of the Atlantic as an author and editorial writer, died today, after a week's illness, following a stroke

of paralysis.

The ball to be given tonight in Hanthorn's hall by the Wakohw Club gives every promise of being the best conducted function of the kind to be given in Astoria this winter. The half is resplendent with decorations, green and red predominating. Fresh, green boughs line the walls and hangbog from the ceiling there is a center piece of red and white, the beauty of which will be enhanced by colored electric lights. Green and red bulbs are distributed about the hall. The Columbia orchestra will furnish music for the occasion. It is anticipated that there will be 50 couples in attendance.

A black purse containing a small sum of money, a locket and chain, and a roundtrip ticket on the A. & C. R. R. between this city and Portland. was lost near the depot Christmas eve. Finder will please return to

The dredge Chinook resumed operations on the bar today. If the present weather continues it is expected that the dredge will do good work. as the east wind renders the bar in the smooth condition necessary to aperate effectively.

A pair of lady's new black gloves was found Saturday near the Oregon bakery. They are now at this office and the owner can have same by prov ing preperty and paying for this ne-

PERSONAL MENTION.

W. G. Howell is in the city. Miss Morton returned to her school at Knappa this morning.

Benjamin Powell returned to his school duties at Portland last night. David Morgan, Sr., went to Port. land this morning on a business trip Mr. and Mrs. H. Calif returned to their Pertland home this morning.

Prof. and Mrs. J. W. McCormac are in Portland today. t'aptain Hazen returned Saturday

night from a visit with his parents at

Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Shaw, who had been at Cathlamet for Christmas, returned to the city today,

Duncan McLean returned to Portland last night after spending a few bays with his mother.

T. K. Johnson, a prominent Columbin river seiner, came down on the Vanguard this morning from Skamok-

John Nelson of Oneida, Wash., who had been visiting relatives in the Willamette valley and at Cathlamet, arrived here this morning on the Vanguard.

Don Ross, who has been visiting with his parents for the past few days, returned to Portland last night. Mr. Ross is head of the traffic departemnt in the Portland office of the Postal Telegraph Company.

Miss Laura McCann returned to Portland last night. She has been in the city since Christmas day, visiting with her parents. While in the city Miss McCann rendered good service at St. Mary's church with the Christmas music. Her singing of "Ave Marie" showed the effects of the excellent training she is receiving under Mrs. Walter Reed, Portland's noted vocalist.

C. H. Chandler, traveling secretary of the Brotherhood of St. Andrew, left this morning for the east. Mr. Chandler has been in the city for the past few days, the guest of Rev. W. S. Short, and yesterday morning delivered an eloquent address at Grace church. The secretary's headquarters is at Pittsburg and his field of work is the entire western country.

> Advertised Letters. Dec 28, 1903.

Achison, J. M. & Co. Anderson, J. H. Bergeron, E. Bernstein, Reuben Bowry, Marie Brown, Orns Clark, Geo. W. Craig, Emma J. Crescent, Emb. Co. Fivnn, P. F. Fosen, Osmunson Christ Fritson, Freel Godley, Clarence Harper, T. J. Mr. and Mrs. Harras, Clara Hostetter, Levi S. Jensen, Julius Johnson, B. A. Johnston, Jack Johnson, Anna Miss London, Josephine-McCoy, W. N. Mrs. Miller, J. F. Mieller, Nettle Mattom, Gabe Nettleton, G. H. Occident Pkg. Co. Pacific Coast Mill Co. Pacific Union Co. Percy D. L. Peterson, F. J. Powell, R. G.

Price, R. C. Riley, S. G. Leenhardt, L. W. Sanderson, V. Sanders, D. R. Severson, Henrich Smith, Wm. D. Strebe & Linhart Staub, Frank. Strenmetz Peter Stone, R. E. Svedrup, M. Tyro, Emil. (package) Brown, C. H. Foreign Gorin, David Hansagen, Matte

Harjukoski, Emile City Treasurer's Notice. There is money in the City Treasury to pay the following warrants drawn on the following streets: Alleyway and Cedar, No. 16,460 to 16,-

468, inclusive. Fifty-one and Birch, No. 16,441. Fourth street, Bond to Astor, No. 16,-

Fifth, Commercial to Astor, No. 16,384 Fifteenth, Jerome to Niagara, Nos.

16.202, 16.203, 16.204, Righth street, Commercial to Astor, Nos. 16,695, 16,696, 16,697, 16,698.

Eleventh street, Bond to Franklin, Nos. 16,705 to 16,714 inclusive. Interest will cease after this date. THOMAS DEALEY.

City Treasurer. Autoria, Gre., Doc. 19, 1800.

THE OLD RELIABLE



THERE IS NO SUBSTITUTE

VALUE OF ROAD DISTRISTS.

New Law Passed at Regular Session of Legislature Soon to Be Felt.

In keeping with the law passed at the last regular session of the legislature relative to road improvements a valuation of the taxable property in the road districts in the county has been placed and a record of the same filed with the county court. Copies of this will be sent to the different supervisors throughout the county. The to-

tricts. leged to levy whatever tax it sees fit. the same to be devoted to road improvements. Besides this there is the regular state levy of 5 mills to be

Following is the list of the road districts of the county together with the valuation placed upon the property of each:

Astoria	\$1,808,282
No. 1	116,396
No. 2	82,304
No. 3	283,793
No. 4	65,911
No. 5	. 39,532
No. 6	
No. 7	. 128,808
No. 8	49,657
No. 9	
No. 10	269,732
No 11	269,526
No. 12	. 272,882
No. 13	
No. 14	. 89,684
No. 15	. 152,983
No. 16 /	. 173,175
No. 17	66,162
No. 18	- 113,405
No. 19	. / 189,420
Total	.\$4.613,195

Lloyds Bank.

The bank that has shown the most remarkable expansion of any bank in the world during the last thirty-five years is Lloyd's Bank of London. This bank was formed in 1865. Within three months it absorbed two large private banking houses. Since then it has absorbed no less than twenty separate joint-stock and private banking con-

Lloyds bank has twelve offices in London, two hundred and sixty country branches and one hundred and twenty sub-branches and agencies. For the past five years it has paid dividends of 18% per cent to its stockholders, of whom there are about twelve thousand. Lloyds Bank is now much the most powerful banking institution in England, with the exception of the Bank of England.

It was announced the other day that arrangements have practically been completed for the absorption by Lloyds Bank of the Liverpool District Banking Company. With the absorption of this company Llayds Bank will have deposits and current account balances amounting to \$360,000,000. This com- the story of how the silent captain pares with \$5,839,000 in 1863. No other had fought that battle with an unbank in the world shows such a re- lighted eigar in his mouth. markable expansion.

Assessment Notice. proving 50th street from the south line loyal souls from every great northern of Cedar street, to the north line of city sent in cigars to Grant's head-Date street as per assessment roll No. | quarters, until he had piled up in his 71 was made by an order of the com- tent 20,300 cigars. mon council due and payable January 8th, 1901 by ordinance No. 2873 con- return them or to give them away, so firming said assessment roll. That the the only thing to do was to smoke them, following are the names of the persons That was the beginning of it and it endande, amounts owning by each, to-wit: a bunch of cigars every day." Allen, B. F. 13.55 Duffner, Otto 25.41 Kelly, Mary M. 196,23 dumping the occupants, or a hundred Wevang, AndrewHeirs of 3.35 other accidents, are every day occur-

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P. B. THOMPSON, F. &. P. A.

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COURT ASTORIA, No. 8, Foresters of America—Meets Wednesday even-ings at 7:30 at Odd Fellows' hall. C. E. FOSTER, Fin'l Sec'y. L. A. SPRAUER, Chief Ranger.

How Grant Came to Smoke. At a recent army reunion, General James Grant Wilson told how it was that General Grant became such an in-

veterate smoker. He said that after the Fort Donnelson fight the newspapers all over the North were filled with

"Up to that time," said General Wilson, "General Grant never smoked more than two cigars a day in his life. When Notice is hereby given that the as- the people of the north found that sessment made for the purpose of im- their commander evidently liked clears. # Eighth and Astor Sts.

"He felt that it wouldn't be polite to against whom the assessments are ed with the smoking of something like

A Frightened Horse, Running like mad down the street. a reliable salve handy and there's none as good as Bucklin's Arnice Salve. Burns, cuts sores, essen disappear quickly under its sout Dated Asteria, Oregon, Dec. 26, 1803. | effect. 25c, at 25cs. Regers drug ste

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